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Main Meeting: No Main Meeting in January 1994, but staring in ***February 1994 on the first Saturday (5th) and every first Saturday of each month there after we will meet at 3 pm at the Auburn Public Library, 809 9th Ave. S.E., Auburn, WA,*** phone # (206) 931-3018. Check for a map to the Library on the back inside cover.

Tacoma Sub-Group: 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Fern Hill Library Branch, 765 South 84th Street, Tacoma, WA

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Dues: $18 per year full membership, $12 a year for newsletter only, $5 a year for an associate membership.

UPDATE

First I would like to apologize for the newsletter being so late for January and wish everyone a happy new year!

As you can see there have been many new changes in our club. From our new smaller newsletter to a new main meeting location and time. The club also has a new Falcon computer.

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View II Review

by George Terpening

How many text viewers, picture viewers, archive viewers, animation runtime programs, and sound playback programs do you have installed on your system to allow you to review new files? I know that I have a whole bunch! I use a couple of versions of Quickview for text files and Artgallary and ULT_SHOW.PRG to view pictures. Well, the other day I was reading a review of a single which allows viewing/listening to all of the files mentioned in the opening sentence. It is called View II by Damien M. Jones of dmj Software.

View II is a shell that is installed at system boot time which allows you to click on any text file (no matter what it is named), most kinds of picture files (PI?, PC?, TNY, TN?, NEO, DOO, ART, SPU, SPC, SPS), archive files (ARC or LZH), digital sound files (AVR, SPL, SAM), and animation files (SEQ, DLT). The program comes on a single double sided disk with a 18 page manual. The manual is written in a very easy reading style.

The program is very easy to install and is compatible with most software available for the ST series. The installation allows you to choose what archive programs you want to use as well as many other options. It also can be used on any ST series computer including the TT and the Falcon. The program only requires about 50 k of storage and will operate from floppy disk or from hard disk. Once you try it, it will become your viewing program of choice. It may be purchased by sending twenty dollars to: It's All Relative, 2233 Keeven Lane, Florissant, MO 63031, Phone: (314) 831-9482.

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Happy New Years

Support your ST Mix 'N Match Library!

Pick the programs that you want from our large collection - See Bruce Prouse at one of the meetings

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[*]Files, Files & More Files!

By Mel Motogawa [M.MOTOGAWA]

December was a heavy graphics month with a new modular version of powerful graphics viewer GEM-View, version 3.01, appearing in the ST RT File Library. The POV ray tracer, version 2.0, and a GEM shell for it, should prove popular. Several other graphic based programs were the TLC Icon Creator, Deskpic, which allows using a GIF pic as a background picture, and the Agenda graphic calendar creator. As always, enjoy!

Any comments of my own are shown within double asterisks "**...**" after the file description, in the ASCII GEnie Lamp version, and also in italics in the TX2 version. (If you haven't experienced reading the Lamp in TX2 format, why not download the TX2 file viewer (file #20441) by David Holmes? You may be surprised at the versatility and power of this program, above and beyond viewing TX2 Lamp issues.)

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#31124 RSCARDS.TOS 29824
This is the front end program for GEnie's RSCARDS Multi-player games (Blackjack, Backgammon, Checkers, Poker, Reversi, and Chess). For more information on RSCARDS games, type RSCARDS from any GEnie menu prompt. This program requires an Atari ST with either a standard color or monochrome monitor. This program is distributed as a self-extracting archive file - after downloading, just double-click on "RSCARDS.TOS" from the Desktop to extract. Please read the READ.ME file included in the archive for further operating instructions. Note:Does not work on the TT/Falcon

#31121 GRAMMR12.ZIP 18432
GRAMMARIAN V1.20: Check your documents for grammatical composition. Add or edit your own desired grammar checks. Now will embed grammar checks in files for easier editing. Extract with latest version of STZip

#31120 SMP_052B.ZIP 129664
Semper v0.52b 16.12.93 - FAX receive with HackFax now should work properly again; - dialing problems within MultiTOS fixed; - changed order of searching the environment for shell; - Semper now inserts an empty line in the log at session startup; - problems with some systems during an emsi handshake hopefully solved; - included block-device sending routines! = maybe found the reason for Sempers random crashes; hopefully fixed; - connect speed is listed in the info line of the transfer window; Note: Extract with latest version of STZip

#31113 TLC_UPDT.DOC 4224
Contains details on obtaining a disk full of TLC utility programs for a special 1993 price of $10! The disk includes 12 programs with full documentation. GFA programmers may be interested in the 2 disk set complete with source code to all programs for $20. The file also contains details on how registered users of earlier versions can upgrade for as little as $1. Text file can be viewed online. It's good to be back in the USA! - Tom

#31111 TLC_ICON.ZIP 16384
Lets you load an umcompressed DEGAS picture in mono/color and select an area to clip as an icon. Lets you select different 'selected' states and then creates a resource file with the icon in it. You can make LARGE icons with this and it even creates the DFN file for you. Use latest version of ST ZIP program to extract,

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SPLITTER. Just about the best way to split a large file across multiple floppies (or files). It even features CRC checks to make sure everything is okay. GEM based. Extract with STZip

#31085 SINF158.ZIP 36736 Sysinfo v1.58 (Nov 5, 1993) Another "sysinfo utility that displays info about the machine it is running on. Not to be confused with another program w/same name! This one is less comprehensive but much smaller and uses GEM. Also included is a cookie viewer. Docs are in German. Extract with latest STZip.

#31084 2IN1_12E.ZIP 95872 Updated version of the 2in1 archive shell, now 90% in English. Provides an STZip-like interface for LZH, ARC, ARJ, ZOO, and ZIP archive programs (not included). Shareware from Germany. Extract with STZip

#31076 CWAC3_02.ZIP 82176 CWAC v3.02 is the latest (and probably last) version of this _excellent_ archive conversion program. CWACsupports conversions between ARC, ARJ, LZH and ZIP formats, and even offers automatic conversion of non-archived formats (such as text files). A special option is included for BBS Express! ST sysops that allows CWAC to rename your file descriptions after converting each file. Another option that will benefit many sysops is the ability to keep your old date/timestamp on the converted file. Lots of goodies in this fantastic program. Donation-ware from Lee Offenberger. Please use the latest version of ST Zip to extract.

#31072 LHA_232.ZIP 131840 Christian Grunenberg's LHarc Version 2.32.This version dated November 30, 1993. Includes both English and German versions of program and docs. Several bugfixes including the problem with MinixFS, and new options (LHarc as a backup utility). Please use the latest version of ST Zip to extract.

#31071 REVSOU.ARC 233088 This is the Megamax Laser C code for Revolver, a switcher program from Intersect Software(Interlink) that was never updated for the STe series(TOS 1.06-2.06); maybe someone can change that. Please use ARC602ST.ARC (file #13310) to extract.

#31070 SUPEDCRD.ZIP 135808 Super Card 3 Database and CONVERT 5 Programs Run EXTRACT7.PRG and press 'A' or 'B' depending on which program you want. Have a spare disc handy. The program will then produce a New Super Card 3 or CONVERT 5 Master Disc. SuperCard 3.01 database - supposed to run on all TOS versions, although MegaSTe owners report difficulty. Have Fun. Please use the latest version of ST Zip to extract.

#31057 MONKEY.LZH 5120 .ACC Macro maker Please use the latest version of Quester's LZH to extract (LH5 archive).

#31054 DESKPIC.LZH 63232 Change your desktop to show any .GIF pic. Please use the latest version of Quester's LZH to extract (LH5 archive). Sysops Note: All document files in German. *** A screenshot appears in the color/mono TX2 versions of the GEnielamp. ***

#31031 PATCH02.LZH 81280 This archive contains files to patch Storm version 1.01 to version 1.02. You MUST have previously patched Storm to version 1.01 in order to use these files! Fixes and new features described in CHANGES.DOC You must have the Patch.PRG from the previous patch file to run this upgrade. Please use the latest version of Quester's LZH to extract (LH5 archive).

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#31027 HSMODA01.ZIP 61056 New modular version of HSMODEM German serial fix. Corrects RTS/CTS and increases port speeds over 19200 (ie 38400, 57600, 115k) on ST/MSTE/Falcon030/TT. Docs in German. Use latest version of ST ZIP program to extract

#31025 G_ORACLE.ZIP 18432 Here it is! Oracle for STalker : GEnie version 1.3 Automate your online tasks with Oracle. The only such program available that supports the Falcon030 and is able to multitask. SHAREWARE Copyright (c) 1993 Paul Lefebvre Although I have had many people register since Oracle was released, I would like to remind those that haven't yet taken the time to register to send the reasonable $15 fee. It's the right thing to do. Use latest version of ST ZIP program to extract

#30996 AGENDAPT.LZH 41600 AGENDA is an ALL NEW graphic calendar creator from F10 Software that displays events for an entire month in a straight forward and intuitive fashion. AGENDAPT is part of the AGENDA package and contains calendar printing functions that can be used with or without AGENDA files. Calendar formats include 1 Year, 1 Month, 2 Weeks, 1 Week and 1 Day. This demo version of AGENDAPT works in ST hi-resolution only.

#30993 DSP30.LZH 42240 This is Version 3.0 of DSP, the digital signal processing program. Some new graphics have been added and the signal processing routines have been rewritten in assembly lang and are about 4x faster. It also supports manipulating samples in memory.

#30986 POVSH111.ZIP 60928 Shell for POV-works with version 2 do not know about version 1 of POV. TGA's viewable with GEMview 3.01 but not Pchrome3 Extract with latest version of STZip *** A screenshot appears in the color/mono TX2 versions of the GEnielamp. ***

#30983 CALCODES.ZIP 8704 Character set available in TOS 2.06 w/ Calligrapher. Also, listing of 2-key character codes, shortcut keyboard commands, and math symbols and ornaments. Handy reference charts you print out with Calligrapher. Use latest version of ST ZIP program to extract

#30963 GEN_SORT.ZIP 5248 An all assembly language GEnie File Listing sort utility, to be used with the ASCII file created with Library Menu Option #2 (LIST FILES). BE WARNED - THIS PROGRAM REQUIRES LOTS OF RAM - if you are going to use this on a LARGE file, you'll have to have LOTS of memory. The ATARI ST RoundTable listing requires a minimum of 4MB. TT Compatible, and even runs in TT RAM. Use latest version of ST ZIP to extract.

#30962 RECIPE42.LZH 89216 The Recipe Box is the leader in recipe storage systems for the Atari ST line of personal computers. It allows fast and easy storage of up to 2.5 million recipes. The program operates on any ST/STE/TT/Falcon. 1 Meg of RAM and a Hard Drive are recommended. The Recipe Box runs in any graphics mode and will multitask with Geneva or MultiTOS. SpeedoGDOS is also highly recommended. Version 4.2 improves printer control for some printers, fixes a couple of bugs in the Meal-Master import routines, Adds 'visual feedback' and a 'find' feature to the grocery list, and has a new grocery list printout format. Extract with latest version of LHARC

#30961 MOVIE11.LZH 62336 'Movies At Night' is an Extendo-Save Screensaver module for Warp 9. This archive includes a 'player' module and two short 'MOVIES' for your

enjoyment. Version 1.1 adds the ability to have a new MOVIE selected randomly at each reboot, or when you reload the module. Shareware from Mountain Software. Extract with latest version of LHARC Note: ST Low or Medium resolution only.

#30951 POVATR20.ZIP 208640 This file contains the executables and documentation for the Atari release of POV-Ray 2.0: POV2.TTP is for all Atari computers (No FPU) POV2_882.TTP is for 68030 w/68881 or 68882 FPU Requires: POVSCN20.ZIP -> Sample POV-Ray scene description files POVDOC20.ZIP -> POV-Ray documentation Use STZip 2.3 to extract *** Related files are: #30947 POVDOC20.ZIP 200576, #30945 POVSCN20.ZIP 499840. ***

#30950 GV301INS.ZIP 53248 This archive contains the installation program for Dieter Fiebelkorn's popular GEM-View 3.xx File and Image Viewer. The included READ.ME file explains the whole installation process in detail. GEM-View 3.xx is SHAREWARE. Unregistered versions feature a 14-days UNRESTRICTED Trial Period. To install the complete GEM-View 3.xx package, you must also download the GVW_DOC1.PAX (docs), GVW_TOL1.PAX (tools), GVW_MDL1.PAX (modules) and the GVW_V301.PAX (program) file. See file descriptors! This file is required to extract the other files in the Gem-View archive. *** Related files are: #30967 GVW_V301.PAX 323712, #30957 GVW_TOL1.PAX 171392, #30956 GVW_MDL1.PAX 67968, #30955 GVW_DOC1.PAX 148352. A screenshot appears in the color/mono TX2 versions of the GEnielamp. ***

#30946 SYSMON.LZH 97408 System Monitor version 1.0.5 from Karsten Isakovic, Germany. An English doc file is included. This program is shareware ($40). Note: Docs state this works on TOS 1.0, 1.02, 1.04, 1.6x and 3.x Sysop unable to verify due to having TOS 2.05 :-(Extract with latest LHARC

#30943 GEMUNF.ZIP 11264 Removes end of lines except at end of paragraphs and spaces and tabs from thebeggining of lines. Source and short [who needs docs??] included. Extract with latest version of STZip

#30937 STSFX27A.LZH 20480 I apologize for those who uploaded the previous version (2.7) and found out a few bugs in it. The original program put all zeros into the ta- bles, but this version has that bug and all the other ones I found have been fixed. This program will patch most STOS files so that they will work on all TOS versions. Increase the Falcon030's compatibility and play some great games written in STOS. For TOS versions higher than 1.62, the program must be at least compatible with TOS 1.62. STOSFX27 will fix the interpreter as well. Read DOC file for details.

#30934 JMPST273.ZIP 33408 JumpSTART 2.73 When I released JumpSTART 2.73 for Geneva, I forgot I hadn't released JumpSTART 2.73 for Everybody Else. Here it is. Compatible with all Atari ST/STe/TT/Falcon030 computers FREEWARE Copyright (c) 1992 Paul Lefebvre Use latest version of ST ZIP program to extract

#30932 CP151_16.LZH 17152 This package is only for owners of version 1.51 of the Warp 9 Control Panel! (Click the INFO button in the Warp 9 CP to see which version you have.) The program in this LZH archive updates the Warp 9 Control Panel from version 1.51 to version 1.6. The update adds a new feature to the Control Panel: the ability to randomly load a different screensaver module on every

bootup. See the included text file for full details on using the new feature. You must have Warp 9 v3.80 or later to use version 1.6 of the Control Panel. Another free update from the kindly folks at CodeHead Technologies! >>>>> Use latest version of QUESTER's LZH program to extract *** See file #30933 CP15_16.LZH 17280 if you have version 1.5 of the Warp 9 Control Panel. ***

#30929 DOC2ASC2.ARC 23168 This is version 1.2 -- new, improved, and robust -- of DOC2ASC, a program which converts word-processor files to plain text, ASCII files. The program will automatically convert all the files of a chosen type (e.g., .DOC, .BAK) which are in the selected path, without your having to select each file individually. It really speeds up large conversion projects. This version has clearer messages, better error handling, and other improvements. Works in mono and color. Use ARC602ST.TTP (#13310) to extract.

#30927 PGP23AB.LZH 280576 PGP (Pretty Good Privacy) ver 2.3 - RSA public-key encryption freeware for ST, protects E-mail. Lets you communicate securely with people you've never met, with no secure channels needed for prior exchange of keys. Well featured and fast! Excellent user documentation. Extract with latest LHARC.

#30925 DSFIX101.ZIP 4352 This program prevents a clash between the latest version(s) of Aladdin and MultiTOS. Version 1.01 fixes a tiny bug in 1.00. Use latest version of ST ZIP program to extract

#30923 TOSHIBA.LZH 23424 This file contains modified MetaDOS drivers for CD-ROMs specifically the Toshiba series, it will also work with NEC units. The software has been tested with the double-speed Toshiba 3401. This file is brought to you courtesy of Mario @ DMC Publishing. Use latest version of QUESTER's LZH program to extract

#30921 NEWEOS01.LZH 16512 New versions of 3 EOS modules: Digital Clock, Squiggly!, and Things That Go Bump. These versions are fixed to display properly in all Falcon screen modes, and can now save their configurations even if the files are renamed (with something like MOVEPICS). The Digital Clock module has been greatly enhanced, with a bouncing date display, many more configuration options, and an info box. The modules require Warp 9 3.80 or later to work as screensavers, but can also run in "demo mode" for 2 minutes without Warp 9. By Charles F. Johnson. Copyright 1993 CodeHead Technologies. May be freely distributed.

#30913 JUMP_STG.ZIP 21632 JumpSTART 2.73a for Geneva Geneva-compatible version of JumpSTART. This version has 3D buttons and works as a multitasking shell. See file #24997 for the original version of JumpSTART with complete documentation. FREEWARE Copyright (c) 1993 Paul Lefebvre Please use the latest version of ST Zip to extract. *** A screenshot appears in the color/mono TX2 versions of the GEnielamp. ***

#30905 BLITZDMO.ZIP 27008 Version 1.47 - Fully functional demo of Blitzschnell the hard drive defragmenter/optimizer. Automatic defragmentation not as fast as the registered version. Offers wide range of functions not to be found on ANY other Atari Defragmenter/Optimizer!!! Allows manual manipulation of clusters/files, Tracing, Moving, Clearing, and Zeroing of files. Has two mapping modes with info on any cluster just a mouse click away! ShareWare from DataBasement Software.

#30893 KITTYLK2.ZIP 8192 Same excellent software lock utility with two new features! 1) Can customize the password. 2) Can configure The Kitty Lock so it will engage (lock) a set time after accessory is loaded in! Now you can insure your system will be locked in case somebody else even tries to use it! Another fine ShareWare product from E.Monaco and DataBasement Software!

#30890 MS21_PRG.LZH 36480 Magic Spell v2.1 nixes some bugs that creeped into the last version. Some small changes have been made as well (as a result of user input). USERSOF PRIOR VERSIONS: All you need is this main program to replace your older version. All other files remain the same. NEW USERS: You MUST also download file #30889 in the GEnie Library called MS21FILS.LZH to run this program. Magic Spell is a challenging game for kids & adults that will help you improve your spelling. It includes an editable dictionary that can be added to + too many fea- tures than can be fit here. Runs in ST medium & high resolutions. A hard drive is recommended. Read ALL THE .TXT files first!

#30889 MS21FILS.LZH 81408 These are the companion files that are required with the program Magic Spell which is available in another archive. This does not contain the main program. You must download the program separately in order to run Magic Spell. This was done to speed up download time for those who have earlier versions. If you already have an earlier version you don't need this. You can just download the main program and replace your earlier version with it. Extract with latest version of LHARC

#30842 COMA_140.ZIP 173440 This is a demo Fax program. It is cripple-ware as it will only send the first 100 lines of a fax. Docs in german but the program runs in english or german. A good way to get your feet wet in the world of faxing. Tested on a STe. Tested on an ST and TT

#30834 CLASSDOC.ARC 3200 This is a general introduction to and overview of CLASS, a computerized gradebook program for teachers. This text file describes the major features of the program, including recent and current versions. The program itself is listed as CLASS_46.ARC (#30833) in the Education Category of this library. This file is NOT included with the program. Use ARC602ST.TTP (#13310) to extract.

#30828 AGENDA_C.LZH 38912 AGENDA is an ALL NEW graphic calendar creator from F10 Software that displays events for an entire month in a straight forward and intuitive fashion. AGENDA works as a program or as a desk accessory. Features include icons (graphics), duration event banners, search, print and more. Easy and fun enough for children too! This version of AGENDA works in ST Med-resolution only and has limited functions for all months except December. Check out the READ_ME.1ST doc for setup information. *** See file #30731 AGENDA_M.LZH 38528 for the monochrome version. A screenshot appears in the color/mono TX2 versions of the GEnielamp. ***

#30817 RUNR161P.ARC 184960 Program files for Runner. Organize programs into easy-to-use menus. Lets you assign them to QuickKeys for fast access, and run them by clicking on document files. Has built-in file viewer with search & backup. Hang up any .PCx or .PIx pic for a background. Run and view files not in menus. LOTS more features. See RUNR161N.ARC for overview and complete list of new

and old features. ST Low/Med/High res, no Falcon or TT yet.... Also see RUNR161D.ARC for extensive documentation (includes RUNR161N.ARC files) and RUNR161B.ARC for background pics.Ideal with Universal Item Selector! - Sysop Note - Ran on a TT - *** A screenshot appears in the color/mono TX2 versions of the GEnielamp. ***

#30808 ESSCOD46.ZIP 61312 ESS- Code version 4.6 by Michael Forget. ESS- Code converts binary files to ASCII files and ASCII files into binary files. This is useful for converting files found on the Internet with the exten- sion .UUE or .UAA. Version 4.6 features support for Multi-TOS and command lines. It also has a great Enhanced GEM interface and online help. Please use the latest version of ST ZIP to extract. *** A screenshot appears in the color/mono TX2 versions of the GEnielamp. ***

#30785 F22_PR.TXT 6016 This file contains information about the release of Flash II version 2.2. Version 2.2 is fully Falcon030 compatible and now has support for all 4 serial ports on the TT030 and MegaSTe. File can be <L>isted or <D>ownloaded.

#30784 F22UPG.LZH 159104 Flash II version 2.2 is now released. This file will upgrade any old version of Flash II to version 2.2. UnLZH the file and follow the easy directions built into the program. See our press release for details on the upgrade. This version provides for full Falcon030 compatibility and adds support for all serial ports on the TT030 and MegaSTe.

#30768 STKEEP56.LZH 437376 ST-Keep BBS is fully configurable for sysop / user preferences. Supports up to 32000 users, rooms (SIGs), and file areas, 255 doors (games), 15 groups, etc... Many automated features. XYZmodem file transfers, VT-52, ANSI terminal emulation, etc. Fully working version. Extract with Questor's LHARC201

#30760 FIXDATE0.ARC 5888 Program to set IKBD clock from GEMDOS clock. Place it into your AUTO folder AFTER the program that sets the GEMDOS clock from the battery-powered clock. Freeware with C source. Extract with ARC602 or similar

#30759 M_QWK119.LZH 82176 Mountain QWK is the finest QWK compatible Offline Message Reader available for the Atari ST. Version 1.19 fixes a few minor bugs, and adds Offline Conference Configuration for the T-Mail mail door. This Demo version allows 10 messages per conference. Extract with latest version of LHARC

#30741 DOGFIGHT.ZIP 277504 HELLO DEVOTED ATARI USERS Try out the latest 'MicroProse' Simulator for the Atari ST. Dogfight is just that, a great Dogfighting Simulator. Choose between many different Planes (Limited on the Demo version). Take your Harrier Jump Jet and fight the Red Baron. Enjoy... Please don't forget to READ the 'MUSTREAD.1ST' text file included in DOGFIGHT.ZIP. Thank you for your support at STeve's!!! STeve Use latest version of ST ZIP program to extract Not compatible with TT/030.

#30736 UNCLCARL.LZH 16896 Catalog descriptions for Albion, Belef, Best Of, CarlFsel, Clock 8, ColorTxt, CopyCats, Disabler, FastBits, FileCopy, Fortune 230, FStop, GFA Help Files, GenLabel, Grampa, HeidiSeek, KillIt, MIDINote, MoonTrex, NAARJEK, NeoMoeba, NeoRam, NewTrash, Ocultar, ProFile!, ProLock!, ShowStuff, MIDI Strobe, UncAlert, UnclMaus, UncleRam and Volume. Please use

the latest version of Quester's LZH to extract (LH5 archive).

#30733 MDTST105.ZIP 41600 This is the latest version of this modem testing utility. It now operates with EXAR based FAX modems, and also provides more information than before, such as your modem's buffer size and whether or not it supports hardware flow control. Also gives you ability to save test results into an ASCII file. This is version 1.05 -- other releases have been 1.02 and 1.0. For those of you who haven't seen the other versions, this program will test a FAX modem to see what Class it is, whether it has Caller ID / Silent answer, etc, and whether it's STraight FAX compatible. Includes info on TOAD HOLIDAY FEST '93! Enjoy! Dave @ Toad -- (800) 448-8623 (orders)

#30719 SPLASHDM.LZH 15616 Splash is a combination of 3 programs which allow you to display any Degas or Prism Paint picture or scanned image on your desktop. Included are programs to convert Degas or Prism Paint images to Splash format, adjust the palette and contrast of the images, and a program to display the images .This demo version is identical to the full-featured version except that there is a 10 minute time limit on the display program. Use latest version of QUESTER's LZH program to extract.

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Sometimes files are removed from the library after we publish this magazine. In many cases, the removed file has been replaced with an updated version of that file. If you can't find one of the files listed here, there is a way to check for a newer version. Do a keyword search on the library using a word that describes the file you are looking for. Chances are, you will find a newer version of that file, or another file that meets your expectations. ..... End

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Enhancing ST Aladdin via Geneva

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What Is It? Geneva is an intriguing multitasking application environment recently released by Gribnif Software. Besides allowing you to experience multitasking on an ST, it offers more than 6 accessories at a time and up to 256 open windows, better looking windows and dialog boxes, tear away menus, keyboard equivalents for menu bar items and dialog/alert buttons, an alternate file selector and mouse pointer, a built-in help system and much, much more. Besides offering impressive power, Geneva puts the fun back into one's general use of the ST and I've found it enhances my use of ST Aladdin. Here are a few examples.

Custom Hotkeys Since Geneva allows you to alternate between open windows via a user definable keypress, I find this convenient when editing replies to messages or email. The Shift-up/down arrow key combos move you up/down one screen at a time in ST Aladdin, so I assigned a nearby key combo, Shift-Insert, as my Geneva window cycling hotkey. Now I can quickly switch between the message window and my reply without using the mouse, and moving up/down in the message/reply window is very convenient.

For those times when you want to respond to several emails or messages in one reply, you can load these into Edhak, a great GEM desk accessory editor, and then cycle between your ST Aladdin reply window and Edhak, keeping both open. This is very convenient versus constantly opening and closing your Edhak window (or topping/untopping it via the mouse) to reread your email or messages while composing your reply. This also works well if you're using Edhak to Kwiksend various

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parts of a file into the ST Aladdin editor or some other GEM application. Edhak is always ready, right behind your open window, just waiting to be topped by Geneva's window cycling hotkey.

Geneva's ability to select menu bar items from the keyboard makes it easy for me to select menu bar items that don't already have a keyboard equivalent. Formerly, I used Codekeys to execute mouse click on the appropriate item(s), but now I tell Codekeys to execute the Geneva equivalents for the menu bar, which seems slightly faster. And when it comes time to edit a menu bar macro, Geneva's keyboard equivalents are much easier to use then editing X,Y coordinates.

Alert Box Enhancements Geneva's keyboard equivalents for alert and dialog box buttons makes it easy for one to respond to many of these in ST Aladdin. In particular, the alert that pops up when you reach the end of one RT's messages. If I don't want to proceed to the next RT's messages, I simply press Undo and the "No" button of the alert is selected. No more reaching for the mouse. But if you prefer the mouse, Geneva has an option for having the alerts follow the mouse, which means that this alert will always pop up beneath your mouse pointer for minimal effort in positioning over the appropriate button.

Making Some Room I enjoy seeing as much text as possible, so I have my GEM window vertical scroll bar set to a width of 2 in Geneva. (Yes, you can set the width and height for the title bar and sliders on GEM windows with Geneva.) I get a tad more horizontal resolution but can still see the scroll bar for those times I have to use the mouse when the usual Shift-up/down arrows have no effect.

Customability If you find yourself accidentally hitting a key combo that you're accustomed to using with one of Geneva's options, yet ST Aladdin uses it for a necessary function, you can use Geneva's Reserve Key function to have Geneva ignore this key combo while ST Aladdin is running and pass it on to ST Aladdin. A very thoughtful touch by Gribnif.

And although I've never really had a problem with it, if you find the scroll gadgets on the ST Aladdin's File Library List's window to be a little touchy, you can adjust the Window Gadget Repeat Delay in Geneva, which allows you more time to let go of the mouse button before the window scrolls again.

Geneva certainly is a great program that offers many more powerful features and options. The enhancements it offers to so many programs makes it well-nigh indispensable. Check out the latest Geneva information in Category 17, topic 19 in the ST Roundtable.

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Tid Bits of NEWS

Compiled by John Strand

Here's some news from the GEnie roundtables!

Aladdin:

Aladdin ST,GEnies's telecommunications program and the new Atari Falcon computer have an compatibility problem, but fear not a fix is in the works. Right now a fix is being beta tested and the bugs are being fix, so hopefully Falcon owner will be able to use Aladdin soon.

CD-ROM Drivers:

Rogers Burrows of Anodyne Software is working on a CD-ROM driver that won't require MultiTOS, this would allow it to be used on all Atari ST /

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STE / TT / Falcon computers.

Falcon SLM Interface:

Word is that a German Developer has made an interface that allows the connection of the Atari SLM laser printers to the new Falcon computer. It is available now in Germany, whether it will find its way to the U. S. is another story. It is said to be a small interface that plugs into the DSP port replacing the SLM804 interface and it doesn't matter if the printer is on or off at boot up time.

2 Column Upgrade:

A new version on the popular 2 Column printing utility program is being beta tested. Changes are mostly in the user interface and memory management. It will also run under MultiTOS and Geneva. The program is bigger and runs a little slower, but is much more flexible.

XtraRAM+8:

Marpet Developments of the U.K. the people who made a real nice 8 meg ram upgrade board for your Mega ST, now offer a 8 meg board for your 520 or 1040 STE computer. In development is a 8 meg board for the Mega STE that should be available in March 94'. Populated models cost $465 to $525 and a unpoplated board runs about $119.

TRACKER/ST:

Step Ahead Software, Inc. has announce that for the next 3 months, (through March 31, 1994), a free copy of the Windows version of Tracker/ST will be included with every copy of Tracker/ST for the Atari. With the Atari version retailing for $99.95 and the Windows version for $119.95 you get one of the greatest 2-for-1 packages ever!

Tracker/ST has been regarded as the leading mailing list program for the Atari ST. The The latest version (v3.04) is fully compatible with all Atari computer, from the original 1040ST right through to the Falcon.

ICD SCSI Pro Utilities:

ICD has release its latest hard drive utilities ICD SCSI Pro Utilities. A complete software tool kit designed for anyone who owns a hard drive on a Atari computer. This unprotected package consists of the ICD hard drive software that was previously available only in a protected form, a new comprehensive version of Cleanup ST, as well as other powerful new utilities. The software is supplied in a packed format on two double-side diskettes along with a 75 page Manual.

The suggested U.S. retail price for ICD SCSI Pro Utilities is $49.95. It is available directly from ICD or from better Atari dealers everywhere.

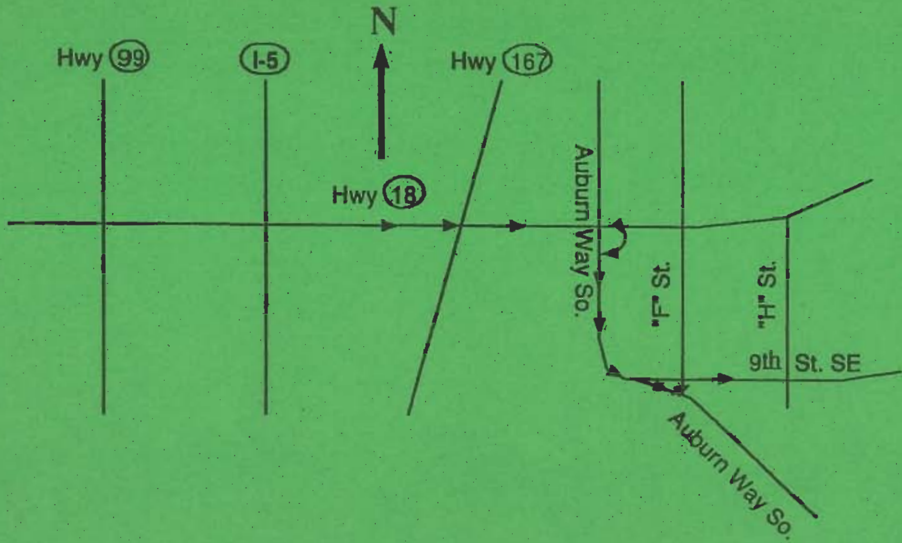
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Classified Ads

For Sale: Atari 400 & 800XL computers, 1020 & 1050 Disk Drives, 810 Happy Disk Drive, Percomm Disk Drive, 850 I/O, MicroNet interface, SX212 Modem, Assembler Cartridge, Action Program Cartridge, Antic & Analog Magazines. Call Clyde Hill at Work: (206) 965-6234 or Home: (206) 255-3376

For Sale: Hardware; Atari 130XE, 800XL computers, 1050 & Indus GT Disk Drives, NAP amber & NEC color monitors, 850 interface, XM301 Modem, Light pen with software, MPP-1150 printer interface. Software; Atariwriter, Syncalc, Synfile+, Viscalc, Print Shop, Home Account, Newsroom, Flight Simulator, lots more games on disk and several games cartridges. Call Steve Albright (206) 857-6958 and make me an offer on any or all of this stuff!



Update continued ...

If you haven't seen the new Falcon computer, come to one of the meetings and try some hands on, this computer has brought a lot of fun back to computing.

We will be having elections at our February's meetings followed by some free pizza. All newly elected officers will receive a free membership for a year and a mix & match disk of their choice from the club library.

Remember if you have something to sell or you want something you can place a ad in our club's classified Ads, this is free for all members.

If you have an article you wish to submit for the newsletter please do so. You may submit it on disk by giving it to one of our club officers at a meeting or mailing it to our club's P.O. Box number, (on back cover). Make sure you remove line feeds and any control codes. Please put your name and address on disk if you wish it returned.

If you have a demo of a game or program that you would like to give at one of the meetings or an announcement to make, see one of the club officers before the meeting begins.

Remember our club can only be as good as we make it. So please participate and make suggestions how we could improve our meetings.

Your Prez

Directions to the Auburn Library

From both North and South on I-5 or the Valley freeway (Hwy 167), take highway 18 East to Auburn.

Take the Auburn Way South St. exit. Stay in the left lane of the exit and turn left at the signal onto Auburn Way South.

Again stay in the left lane on Auburn Way South, as the road veers left you will need to turn left onto "F" Street and then make a immediate right onto 9th Street S.E., follow 9th Street two blocks and the Library will be on the right.

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16	17 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S BIRTHDAY	18	19	20	21	22
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